

Puget Sound Commercial Fisheries Hotline Message **Number 4**,

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The 2010 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation pamphlet was mailed the week of July 26th. If you have not received a copy please contact (360) 902-2700 and ask for a copy or check our web site where one may be downloaded.

The web address <http://wdfw.wa.gov/fishing/commercial/salmon/> contains this hotline and updated information regarding Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries.

Fishers are reminded that Fish Friendly certification cards are required to participate in any Area 7 or 7A commercial salmon fisheries. Contact (360) 902-2717 if you need to attend a workshop to get a card. For the most current information on Areas 7 or 7A sockeye fisheries check the National Marine Fisheries Hotline at 1-800-662-9825.

For fishers who possess a Direct Retail Endorsement please remember per Washington Administrative Code (or WAC) 220-47-001 that all Puget Sound commercial salmon fisheries are designated as "Quick Reporting Required" and you must comply with provisions of WAC 220-69-240 subsection 12.

Gillnet fishers are reminded that buoy requirements, as listed on page 15 of the pamphlet, are in effect for 300 fathom drift gill nets for all openings.

The season description published in the 2010 Puget Sound Commercial Salmon Regulation Pamphlet remains in effect.

For the period of September 5th – September 11th all non Fraser Panel controlled areas are currently closed except those following:

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to gill nets using 5-inch minimum mesh size from 7 AM Monday, September 6th through 7 AM Friday, September 10th.

Area 7B Bellingham Bay will be open to purse seines from 7 AM to 8 PM on Wednesday, September 8th. Brailing is required and all chum salmon must be released immediately.

Area 9A Port Gamble Bay is open to skiff gill nets limited to 600 feet in length and 60 meshes in depth using 5-inch minimum mesh size through Saturday, October 30th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released by cutting the meshes ensnaring the fish.

Area 12A Quilcene Bay will be open to beach seines not to exceed 600 feet in length or 100 meshes in depth, or contain meshes of a size less than 3 inches or greater than 4 inches from 7 AM to 7 PM daily Monday, September 6th through Thursday, September 9th. All Chinook and chum salmon must be released.

If you suspect an error in this message or have questions please contact Jeromy Jording at (360) 902-2717. Thank you for calling the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife hotline for Puget Sound commercial fishing information.